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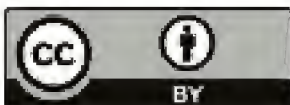
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मराठी अनुवाद: मुकुंद टाकसाळे



I have a friend. She lives in my house.



माझी एक मैत्रीण आहे. ती माझ्याच घरात राहते.



When I am happy, so is she.



मी आनंदी असले,  
की ती आनंदी असते.

When I cry, she cries too.

मी रडायला लागले, की तीही रडायला लागते.






But I cannot hear her voice.  
My friend lives inside the mirror.

पण मला तिचा आवाज  
काही ऐकू येत नाही.  
ती नेहमी आरशातच राहते.





“Come out,” I tell her, “we will play.”

She does not come out.

“बाहेर ये ना,” मी तिला म्हणते,  
“आपण खेळूया.”  
पण ती बाहेर येतच नाही.






I am not happy.  
I go to sleep.

मला नाही आवडत हे तिचं वागणं.  
मी झोपूनच जाते.

She comes out of the mirror in my sleep!  
And we have fun.



मी झोपेत असताना ती हळूच आरशातून बाहेर येते.  
मग आम्ही मज्जा करतो...

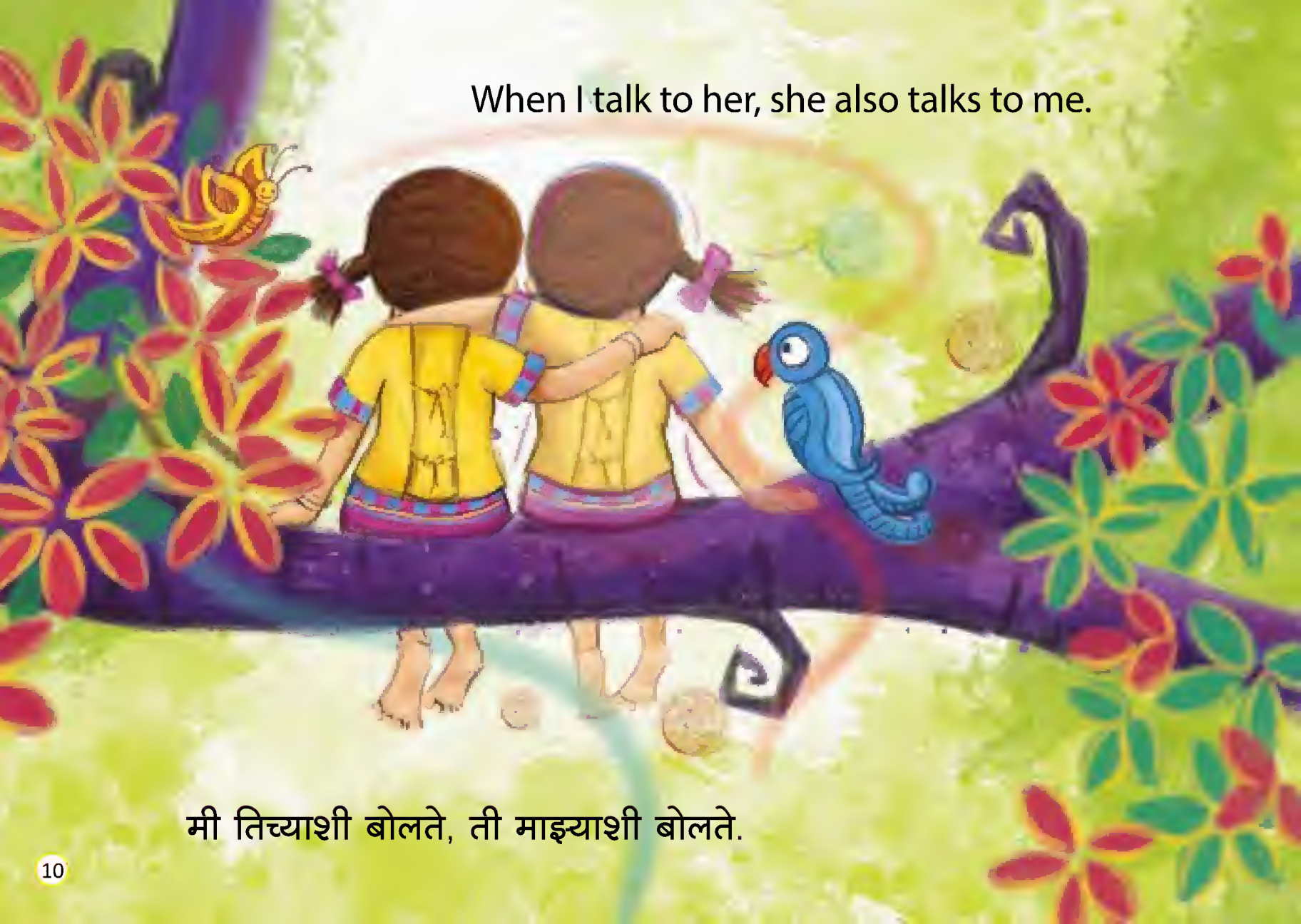


We play, we run,  
we shout and  
scream together.

आम्ही खेळतो.  
पळापळी करतो.  
दोघी मिळून आरडाओरडा करतो.



When I talk to her, she also talks to me.



मी तिच्याशी बोलते, ती माझ्याशी बोलते.



In the morning,  
my friend will go back  
into the mirror.

सकाळ झाल्यावर माझी  
मैत्रीण आरशात परत जाते.



But I don't mind at all. We will  
play again in my dreams!

पण मला मुळीच वाईट वाटत नाही.  
कारण पुन्हा स्वप्नात आम्ही  
खेळणारच आहोत.







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Anupa Lal has written more than twenty books for children. She has also translated many stories written by Munshi Premchand, from Hindi to English, including his last novel *Godaan*. Anupa Lal enjoys interacting with children and has conducted many storytelling sessions.



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**Would you like to have a very special friend?  
Look into this book and you may find that you  
already have a very special friend!**

**तुम्हाला एखादी खास मैत्रीण हवी आहे का? या पुस्तकात  
बघा म्हणजे तुमच्या लक्षात येईल की तुम्हाला अगोदरच तशी  
मैत्रीण आहे.**

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who are eager to begin  
reading and listening to  
stories

**1**

**Learning to Read**

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recognize familiar  
words and can  
read new words  
with help

**2**

**Reading Proficiently**

For older children  
who can read with  
confidence

**4**

**3**

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Independently**

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are ready to read  
on their own

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